

# Give Us A King



*A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles*

*Part 2*

*1-2 Kings and 2 Chronicles*

# Survey of 1 Kings

United Kingdom 1:1 – 11:43			Divided Kingdom 12:1 – 22:53		
Establishment of Solomon	Rise of Solomon	Decline of Solomon	Division of the Kingdom	Reign of Various Kings	Reign of Ahab Elijah
Solomon			8 Kings (Israel) / 4 Kings (Judah)		
Kingdom in Tranquility			Kingdom in Turmoil		
Jerusalem Capital of United Kingdom			Samaria: Capital of Israel Jerusalem: Capital of Judah		
c. 40 years			c. 78 years		



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- City
- ▲ Mountain
- ▨ Territory shared by the tribes of Judah and Simeon

0 15 30 Miles  
0 15 30 Kilometers

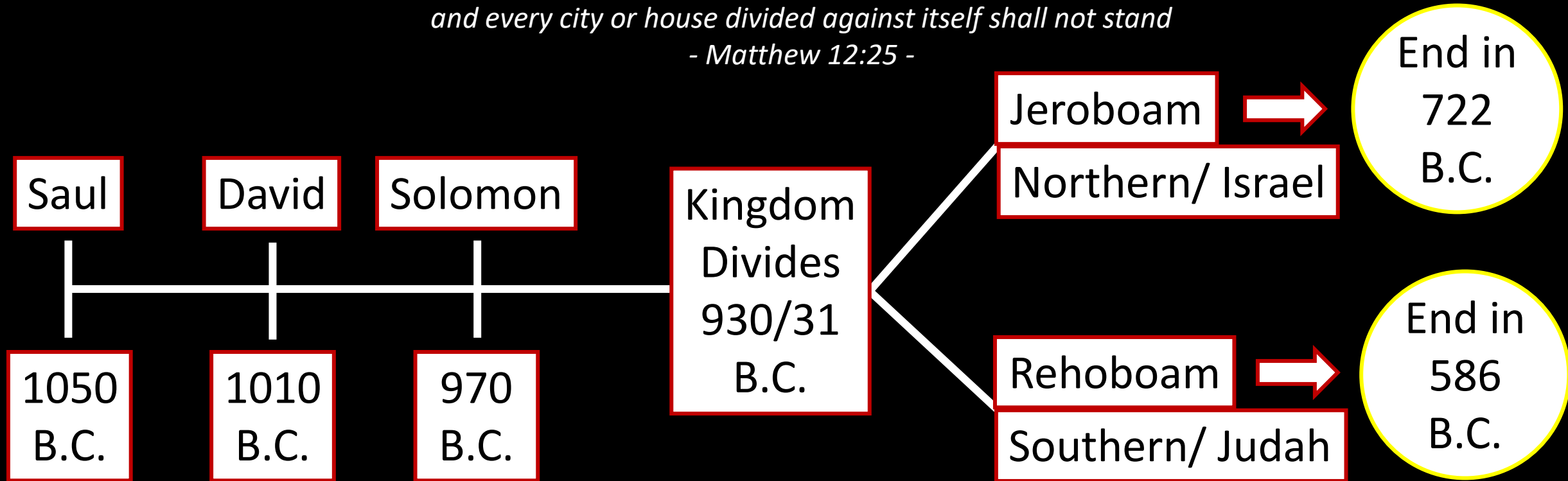


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# A Kingdom Divided Against Itself

*Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation;  
and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand  
- Matthew 12:25 -*



United Kingdom for 120 years

*"And when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents ... So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day"  
- 1 Kings 12:16, 19 -*

## Two Kingdoms in Contrast

### Northern Kingdom of Israel

Ten Tribes  
First king: Jeroboam  
Capital: Samaria  
Temples: Dan, Bethel, Samaria  
Dynasties: 9  
Kings: 19 kings (all bad)  
Duration: 209 years  
Destroyed: 722 B.C.  
Exiled: Assyria  
Longest reign: Jeroboam II (41 years)  
Shortest reign: Zimri (7 days)  
Last king: Hoshea

### Southern Kingdom of Judah

Two Tribes  
First king: Rehoboam  
Capital: Jerusalem  
Temple: Jerusalem  
Dynasty: 1  
Kings: 19 kings (good and bad), 1 queen  
Duration: 345 years  
Destroyed: 586 B.C.  
Exiled: Babylon  
Longest reign: Manasseh (55 years)  
Shortest reign: Jehoahaz (3 months)  
Last king: Zedekiah

# Men of God and Their Message

Prophet	Audience	Message	Reference
Ahijah the Shilonite	Jeroboam	The kingdom will divide	<b>1 Kings 11:29-39</b>
Shemaiah	Rehoboam and Judah	Do not go to war	<b>1 Kings 12:22-24</b>

# A Kingdom Divides

1. Israel's request (1 K. 12:1-5)
2. Counselors' recommendation (1 K. 12:6-11)
3. Rehoboam's reply (1 K. 12:12-15)
4. Israel's rebellion (1 K. 12:16-20)
5. Rehoboam's reaction (1 K. 12:21-24)



# Applications for Today

1. Good leaders will listen to the people and do what is best for the people, not for themselves (1 K. 12:5, 16; 2 Chron. 10:15-16; Prov. 14:28).
2. Be careful from whom you get your counsel and don't be so quick to dismiss the counsel of older, wiser men (1 K. 12:6-11; Prov. 11:14; 12:15; 15:22; 20:18; 24:6).
3. Be careful not to let your peers give you bad advice (1 K. 12:6-11; 2 Sam. 15:1-37; Prov. 12:5).

# Applications for Today

4. A kingdom, city, or house divided against itself cannot stand (1 K. 12:16-19; Mt. 12:25).
5. Following bad counsel leads to further problems and bad ideas (1 K. 12:18-19, 21; 2 Sam. 17:1-29; Isa. 19:11).
6. God's word always comes true (1 K. 12:15; 2 Chron. 10:15; Mt. 5:18; 1 Pet. 1:25).

# Applications for Today

7. God works “behind the scenes” in the affairs of men to bring about his plans for his people (1 K. 12:15, 24; 2 Chron. 10:15; 11:4; Josh. 11:20; Judg. 14:4; Prov. 21:1).